



Church of Saint Richard

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January 6, 2019 - The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 4:00pm

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A.,NCC, LPC– Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

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Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!

Daily Mass

Tuesday, 8 January (6:00 pm) ~ Christmas Weekday

Intention: Georgine Gober by Helen Dunsavage

Wednesday, 9 January (8:00 am) ~ Christmas Weekday

Intention: Wanda Wester by Susan & Dan Baddick

Thursday, 10 January (8:00 am) ~ Christmas Weekday

Intention: Ted Gimeno by Gerry Kandrot

Friday, 11 January (8:00 am) ~ Christmas Weekday

Intention: Leonard & Anna Navitsky by Duke & Joan Demko

Saturday - January 12th - 3:30 pm - Confessions

Saturday - January 12th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

Intention: Eleanor Zakrewsky by Sisters & Brother

Lector: Tim Demko

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Bialek, Steve Souchak

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert,

Sunday - January 13th - 8:30 am - Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Intention: Gino Bruni by DiCasimirro & Merchlinsky Families

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Hurst, Jim Kane

Altar Servers: Tucker Bowman, Olivia Sebastian

Sunday - January 13th - 10:30 am - Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Intention: Mary Light by Beverly Macek

Lector: Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Burda, Dan Sleva

Altar Servers: Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Sacred Heart: In Memory of my friend Johanna ~ Love, Marilyn

Blessed Virgin Mary: In Loving Memory of my sister Judy ~ With Love, Marilyn

St. Richard: In Loving Memory of my sister Elsie ~ Brother James Tolan

St. Joseph: Catherine & Joseph Earley ~ With Love, Marilyn

Sunday Collection Amount:

Regular: \$2,553 — Candles: \$252 — Parish Utilities: \$204—New Year's: \$952
Add'l Candles : \$167—Add'l Christmas—\$660

Second Collections: January 5th and January 6th ~ Monthly Supplement
January 12th and January 13th ~ Parish Utilities

Mass Attendance Numbers:

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 125 Sunday, 8:30 am - 109 Sunday, 10:30 am - 105

Monday, December 31st: 4:00 pm - 125 (Vigil of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Tuesday, January 1st: 9:00 am - 96 (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Religious Education:

Grades 1st through 4th ~ January 6th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 5th through 8th ~ January 6th @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ January 13th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Bulletins for Children: Available and can be picked up in the vestibule.

Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement: Ann Balas, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Sam Geissinger, William Godanis, Jr., Mike Grigalonis, Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Kenny Karlavage, Jack Kehler, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, Marie Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Have questions about the Catholic faith? Considering the possibility of becoming Catholic? The RCIA program is an opportunity to prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to become part of the Catholic community. The program participants meet Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the Church. Please call the parish office @ (570) 467-2315 and leave your contact information if you wish to participate.

Epiphany: The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, “Epiphany”, of God to the whole world. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ's identity and our response in faith. Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some outsiders as if we were not co-heirs? Do we act as if Epiphany were for a few?

Blessing: Because the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the magi to the house of Jesus, it is customary to bless homes on this day. After the blessing prayer is completed, an inscription is written with chalk over the door. The initials of the three wise men Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—are enclosed by numbers for the year and then connected crosses in this manner: 20 + C + M + B + 19. Doors function as entryways for family members, friends, and guests. As we welcome others to our home in hospitality, we welcome Christ. Encountering Christ in others, we open hearts to God’s graciousness.

BLESSING OF THE HOUSE ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

ALL: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

LEADER: Peace be to this house.

ALL: And all who enter it.

LEADER: Lord Our God, bless this house.

May all who live here be blessed

with good health, prosperity, and compassion for the poor.

As Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar

presented their precious gifts to the Christ Child,

so may all who live here welcome guests

with gifts of faith, hope, and love.

This prayer we make through Christ Our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

ALL: Hail Mary..... (during the Hail Mary, the leader may use the blessed chalk to mark the doorway (20 + C + M + B + 19)).

Fundraising Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th @ 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, January 10th @ 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. The topic will be Moses in The Book of Exodus. As always, new members are welcome.

Boy Scouts Meeting: Thursday, January 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Christmas Clean-up: With the end of the Christmas season, we will be taking down all the Church decorations on Sunday January 13th after 10:30 am Mass. The more help we have the quicker we will finish up. Please come and give a helping hand.

50/50 Chances: Remember to pick up your chances in the vestibule for the Valentine's Day Raffle drawing. If you need additional tickets, please call or stop by the parish office during office hours. Return your drawing stubs in the collection or drop them off by the February 3rd deadline. The drawing will be held Sunday, January 10th after the 10:30 am Mass. Thanks again for your on-going support of our parish and good luck!

Schuylkill County Youth Ministry: Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Alpha will be held on Sundays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Frackville Youth Center, (7 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville) from January 27th through March 24th. The series is free and a dinner is included. Please RSVP to annie@allentowndiocese.org.

2019 Offering Envelopes: The adult envelopes are in the vestibule. Please stop by and take your envelopes. If you do not see your name, please call the office @ (570) 467-2315. Thank you.

CANDLES

Special Intentions by Higgins Family
A Happy Healthy New Year to our family,
friends and neighbors by Stan & Joann
Special Intentions for Bernard by Stan & Joann
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman
Good Health for Kenny & Strength for Kelly and
Kyle by Stan & Joann
Special Intentions for Stan & Joann
Special Intentions for Father Baransky
by Stan & Joann

Special Intention for Zoba Family
Special Intention for Curran Family
In loving Memory of my Al ~ Love, Fran
Special Intentions for parish unity ~
by Joann & Stan
Special Intention for my brother Jim
Special Intention for my daughter ~ Love, Mom
Prayers for Successful Surgery for my Brother Ron
~ Bruce & Louise
Rest in God's Peace Jer ~ Love, Wife Pat
Special Intention by Sue & Jay